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SUBJECT: FORMER MINES MINISTER CRITICIZES ZIONISM

1. JUAN PABLO PEREZ ALFONZO, VENEZUELAN MINES MINISTER UNDER FORMER PRESIDENT ROMULO BETANCOURT, BLUNTLY CRITICIZED JEWS AND ZIONISM AT A DECEMBER 20 PRESS CONFERENCE. "IF WE WANT JUST TREATMENT FOR THE PRICE OF OUR PRODUCTS, WE WILL HAVE TO BE CONSISTENT AND STICK TO A STRAIGHT LINE OF JUST ASPIRATIONS AND LIBERTY AT ALL TIMES," PEREZ ALFONZO REPORTEDLY SAID. "WE CANNOT BE WITH THE THIRD WORLD PART OF THE TIME, AND AT OTHERS DISENGAGE OURSELVES TO FLIRT WITH INTERNATIONAL CAPITALISM, WHICH USES EXTREMIST ZIONISM AS ITS SPEARHEAD" HE ADDED.

2. PEREZ ALFONZO REPORTEDLY WENT ON TO SAY, "IT IS NOT BECAUSE OF OUR POSITION IN OPEC, NOR FOR REASONS OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE THIRD WORLD THAT WE SHOULD BE MORE FIRM AGAINST THIS DANGEROUS ZIONSIM. IT IS SIMPLY FOR REASONS OF JUSTICE, WHICH IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO WORLD PEACE AND THE FUTURE OF MANKIND." PEREZ ALFONZO STATED THAT THE U.S. "IS BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND THAT ITS NATIONAL INTEREST IS BEING INTERFERED WITH BY PRESSURE GROUPS ORGANIZED BY THE ZIONISTS, AND EXCLUSIVELY IN ZCS# INTERESTS OF ISRAELI EXTREMISM." HE WARNED THAT THE VICTIMS OF NAZI RACISM ARE NOT INCAPABLE OF EXTREMISM THEMSELVES AND

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ACCUSED ISRAEL OF "NOTORIOUS RACIAL DISCRIMINATION."

3. COMMENT: PEREZ ALFONZO AS THE "FATHER OF OPEC" IS A MAN OF CONTINUING RENOWN HERE AND A FAVORITE GURU FOR VISITING CORRESPONDENTS AND THE LIKE FROM THE U.S. AND EUROPE. HIS INFLUENCE ON POLICY HAS DECLINED HOWEVER AS HE HAS INCREASINGLY ACQUIRED A REPUTATION FOR ECCENTRICITY AND CONTRARIOUSNESS. (HE CALLED THIS PARTICULAR PRESS CONFERENCE TO DENOUNCE THE GOV'S NEW FIVE-YEAR PLAN AS A "Z PLAN FOR NATIONAL DESTRUCTION.") IN ATTACKING ZIONISM PEREZ ALFONZO WAS BUCKING THE TIDE OF OPINION IN VENEZUELA. THE GOV'S ABSTENTION ON THE VOTE IN THE UNGA HAS BEEN HEAVILY CRITICIZED BY A WIDE RANGE OF INFLUENTIAL CITIZENS.
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